

White Elephant Parade Celebrates Community Spirit, Giving and Serving



The 47th Annual Country Fair White Elephant Parade took place on Saturday, Oct. 31. This year's parade was themed, "You Give -- We Serve," and is in keeping with the mission of the White Elephant Shop's motto, "Where Used Goods Become Good Deeds."

110 parade entries, 20 of which were first-time groups, made for a lengthy spectacle that featured participants from nearly every sector of the community, from school marching bands, to Border Patrol agents on horseback, to vintage tractors and cars to Sabbar Shriners in go-carts.

The parade's local dignitaries included Sahuarita town council members Gil Lusk, Tom Murphy and Kara Egbert as well as Arizona State Senator, Andrea Dalessandro.

The parade's course ran from La Canada Drive just south of Esperanza Boulevard to Paseo del Parado, north of Continental Road.

The parade's proximity to Halloween was clear as parade participants dressed up in honor of the holiday. As a long-standing tradition for the Green Valley/Sahuarita community, the parade was founded and is sponsored by the volunteers that run the White Elephant Shop established in 1964.

The store has now grown to employ the aid of more than 550 volunteers. Revenue generated by the White Elephant Shop is donated to 130 local schools and charitable organizations in Green Valley, Sahuarita and Santa Cruz Valley.

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**TECH
BUZZ**

**December 8
8:30 a.m.**

**Sahuarita
Town Hall**

375 W. Sahuarita Center Way
Sahuarita, AZ 85629

**RSVP by Friday, Dec. 4 to Debbi Al-Houssni:
dalhoussni@sahuaritaaz.gov, 520-822-8819**



Economic Development

Chamber Business Mixer



Nov. 13 - 7 to 9 a.m.

Sahuarita Town Hall - Council Chambers

375 W. Sahuarita Center Way, Sahuarita AZ 85629

The town will host a networking opportunity for business owners to share information with other businesses about what they have to offer.

Hello, Small Businesses!

Welcome to the Sahuarita/Green Valley Region

NEED A FREE PLACE TO WORK/MEET?

- Access free wifi.
- Borrow a laptop and/or webcam for a presentation.
- Reserve the Sierrita Conference Room, a meeting area or a workstation by visiting www.sahuaritabizhub.com.



9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Monday - Friday
375 W. Sahuarita Center Way
At the Municipal Complex
www.sahuaritabizhub.com

Police Department

Making Sahuarita a Safe Place to Live, Work and Play

BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, Dec. 11 • 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.



American Red Cross

Contact Patti Kerr, blood drive coordinator, at 344-7020 to schedule your appointment. Sign in on Dec. 11 will be in the front conference room of the Sahuarita Police Department, 315 W. Sahuarita Center Way, Sahuarita, AZ 85629.

Did you Know?

- Each unit of blood can help save up to three lives.
- Since the first SPD blood drive in Jan. 2003, we have held 49 total.
- SPD blood drives have collected 1,289 units potentially saving 3,867 lives.



Police Department

Making Sahuarita a Safe Place to Live, Work and Play

National Night Out Builds Community

On Saturday, Oct. 17, officers from the Sahuarita Police Department participated in National Night Out, visiting many of the neighborhoods in the community, talking to residents and playing games with kids.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Neighborhoods across the nation host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and other various community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel and exhibits.

National Night Out is the product of the National Association of Town Watch, the nation's premiere non-profit crime prevention organization dedicated to the development and promotion of crime prevention in communities across the nation.



Planning and Building

SECAP Receives MPA Recognition

The Sahuarita East Conceptual Area Plan (SECAP) received 12th place recognition by the Metropolitan Pima Alliance (MPA) as a Common Ground Top 20 project.

“MPA has been very helpful in bringing people together with diverse perspectives and giving us advice on policy and regulations,” said Director of Planning and Building, Sarah More. “I really appreciate this organization as an entity that provides a ‘bridge’ between the public and private sectors.”

As an alliance of businesses, government and non-profit organizations, the MPA advocates for responsible development in metropolitan Pima County.

Common Ground is an award ceremony hosted by the MPA that celebrates finding common ground between the public and private sector, between land development and environmental protections and between current residents and the future population.



Sahuarita WINS!, a collaborative effort between Sahuarita businesses and Sahuarita Unified School District (SUSD), also received recognition from the MPA during the Common Ground Awards as a Top 10 project, and the Sahuarita BizHUB at Town Hall received honorable mention.



Sahuarita WASTEWATER Billing Update

Online viewing of wastewater accounts in real time and our new online billing service is now up and running. New features are available through our customer portal where customers can also set up auto pay.

For questions not answered by our frequently asked questions at <http://sahuaritaaz.gov/wwfaq> we recommend that customers contact us at wastewater@sahuaritaaz.gov or 520-344-7101.

Planning and Building

Holiday Homeowner Safety Tips: Fried Turkeys



With the holidays around the corner, great food is going to be made. One of the most dangerous, and even deadly, foods that can be prepared is a fried turkey. Although delicious, there are precautions that should be taken even by the most seasoned master chefs:

1. Stay Away from the House – Set up the turkey fryer more than 10 feet away from your home and keep children and pets away. **NEVER LEAVE IT UNATTENDED.**
2. Find Flat Ground – The oil must be even and steady at all times to ensure safety. Place the fryer on a flat, level surface and carefully gauge the amount of oil needed.
3. Use a Thawed and Dry Turkey – Make sure your Thanksgiving turkey is completely thawed and dry. Extra water will cause the oil to bubble furiously and spill over. If oil spills from the fryer onto the burner, it can cause a fire. **NEVER PUT A FROZEN TURKEY IN A FRYER.**
4. Monitor the Temp – Use caution when touching the turkey fryer. The lid and handle can become very hot and could cause burns. Also be sure to keep track of the oil's

temperature as many fryers do not have their own thermostats.

5. Be Prepared – Have a fire extinguisher (multipurpose, dry-powder) ready at all times in the event that the oil ignites; a garden hose could spread the fire and is not recommended.

Butterball.com states that your turkey is done when the thigh reaches an internal temperature of 180° F and the breast reaches an internal temperature of 165° F measured with a meat thermometer.

After you are done cooking you will need to dispose of the cooking oil. Oil can be saved and re-used at a later date, but if you are going to dispose of the oil, **NEVER PUT IT DOWN THE DRAIN.** Let the oil cool, pour it into a container and dispose in the trash or recycle for biodiesel (Pima Association of Governments will be collecting grease January 9, 2016).

For other delicious recipes you will have to check with your neighbors, friends and family.

Images and information obtained from pbs.org.

Parks and Recreation

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FALL AND WINTER 2015

CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS AND PROGRAMS!



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HOW TO REGISTER:

Unless otherwise noted, all classes and programs are available for registration at sahuaritaaz.gov/ParksandRec or walk-in at Anamax Recreation Center, 17501 S. Camino De Las Quintas.

Find us on social media for new information, cancellations and promotions.



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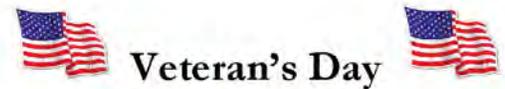


Parks and Recreation

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Parks and Rec Commission Recognizes Parks Employee for Job Well Done

Sahuarita Parks and Recreation Office Assistant, Janice Pavilkowski was recognized in October as employee of the quarter for outstanding performance of her job duties. Not only is she an exemplary member of the Parks and Recreation staff, but she has also demonstrated outstanding judgment with quick and proactive action in regard to helping an ill fitness participant in need of medical assistance. This is the award's first year and Pavilkowski joins Brian DeBreceny, David Brummer and Kecia Packard who were recognized earlier in the year as outstanding employees.



Wednesday, November 11th

Race begins at 10 am

**For more information or the link to register visit:
Ranchosahuarita.com/splashndash**

Rancho Sahuarita, Town of Sahuarita, and other community partners are proud to present the first annual Veteran's Day Splash N Dash. This race will consist of a 500 yd. swim followed by a 5K run. There is also a 5K only option. A fee and registration is required. This event is benefitting the Wounded Warrior Project and all participants are welcome. There will be a flag ceremony at 9am prior to the race and a pancake breakfast for all participants after the race.



Parks Maintenance Keeps Playgrounds Safe for Kids

In order to maintain the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard for playground fall protection, Sahuarita Parks maintenance has added new additional Ponderosa Pine wood fiber to the Town Parks playgrounds at all six park locations.

Additionally each playground is inspected frequently by the Parks Department's Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) and any problems that might be found are resolved immediately or the playground is closed until repairs can be made.



Coming Events

**GOT JOBS?
GOT EQUIPMENT?
LET'S BUILD YOUR
SKILLED WORKFORCE!**



Help Sahuarita Unified School District and the Pima County JTED launch a Heavy Equipment Operations program at Walden Grove High School.

- Motivate students (and parents) to learn about Heavy Equipment Operations careers.
- Partner with us to provide students the skills your employees must have to get the job done.
- Demonstrate one (or more) pieces of heavy equipment during our Student Showcase at Walden Grove.



Please contact:

Denise Zambos

dzambos@sahuarita.net

(520) 625-3502 x 1003

Reserve your space today

**Heavy Equipment Operations
Student Showcase**

Thursday, January 14

6 to 7:30 p.m.

Walden Grove High School

15510 S. Sahuarita Park Rd.